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"Celebrating 31 years (March 1991) of FREE DX News"
            "Could this be the final year???"
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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 10th-April, through Sunday, 17th-April there were 223 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4U1U, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/n, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z6, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3B8, MAURITIUS. Fabian, DF3XY, will be active as 3B8/DF3XY approx. 15 Km north of from Port Louis, Mauritius (AF-049), between May 21st and June 2nd. Activity will be on 40/30/20 meters using mostly FT8. QSL via DF3XY, direct, by the Bureau and eQSL. SWL-cards are welcome.

4L, GEORGIA (Also TA). Byron, KF8UN, will be active as 4L/KF8UN from Georgia between May 9-11th or possibly later. He will also be active as

TA/KF8UN from Turkey between May 22-24th. Activity from both locations will be mainly 20 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign direct.

4X0, ISRAEL (Special Event/Update). The "Land of Craters" program continues with the fourth activation from one of four craters in Israel located in the Negev Desert. The operation will use the callsign 4X0RMN between May 13-14th. Operations will be from Makhtesh Ramon ("Ramon Crater"). Reference numbers are: Holyland Square F-30-BS, WW Grid Square KM70jo ad WWFF Reference 4XFF-0020. Radio amateurs working 3 of the 4 craters will receive a beautiful certificate on the program's Web site. Operators mentioned are Amir/4X1AR, Chanan/4Z1DZ, Dan/4Z5SL, Gal/4X1KW, Gil/4Z1KD, Hilik/4X6YA, Roy/4X5IQ, Shimon/4Z1SH, Udi/4X6ZM, Zvika/4X1ZV and Zeev/4X5ZS. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, FT8 and the QO-100 satellite. QSL via 4X6ZM, direct, by the Bureau, eQSL or LoTW. Online logs are available at: https://www.iarc.org/craters
For more details, see QRZ.com.
ADDED NOTES: The first crater (called Arif; on Mount Arif) was activated last November (2020) using the callsign 4X0ARF. The second crater (called "The Large Crater") was activated April-May (2021) using the callsign 4X0GDL. The third crater was activated between November 12-13th (2021), and was from Makhtesh Hakatan ("The Small Crater) using the callsign 4X0KTN.

8D97, INDONESIA (Special WARD Event). Members of the ORARI will commemorate "World Amateur Radio Day" (April 18th) by using the special callsign 8D97WARD between April 16-18th. Activity will be onn 80/40/20/15/10 meters using CW, FT8, RTTY and the IO-86 satellite (435.880 MHz).

8Q, MALDIVES. Braco, OE1EMS (E77DX), is now active as 8Q7DX from Baa Atoll (AS-013), Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu, until April 27th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-6 meters (160m probably not) using CW and SSB. Equipment is an Icom 705 with a Juma 1000 1KW amp into a vertical and VDAs on the beach. He will use a 4 element yagi on 6m. QSL via E73Y only or LoTW.

A9, BAHRAIN (Special WARD Event). Members of the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society (BARS) will be using the special callsign A91WARD until April 18th to celebrate "World Amateur Radio Day" (April 18th). QSL via EC6DX, ClubLog or LoTW.

C5C/C5B THE GAMBIA DXPEDITION (Update). It has been reported that the due to a "re-programmed return flight" the C5C DXpedition has been extended two more days and will now take place between May 22nd and June 8th.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE. Pedro, CT7AHV, is once again active as C91AHV from Chinonanquila, Matola Rio. His length of stay is not known. Activity is on 40/20/15/10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. Most of his activity this past week was on 15 meters SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, ClubLog or by the Bureau. NO LoTW FOR FT8 CONTACTS!

CQ MAGAZINE NEWS (Press Release, dated April 13th).....
Jose Castillo, N4BAA, Named CQ WAZ Award Manager
Succeeds John Bergman, KC5LK
José Castillo, N4BAA, of Straughn, Indiana, has been named the new CQ Worked All Zones Award Manager, effective immediately, it was announced today by CQ magazine Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU. Castillo succeeds John Bergman, KC5LK, who has retired after managing the WAZ program since 2014.
Licensed since 1977 at age 13 - initially as WD4LAH - José has been a very active DXer for more than 44 years. He is a past president of the Virginia DX Century Club, has been a member of the North Florida DX Association, Potomac Valley Radio Club, Yankee Clipper Contest Club and Frankford Radio Club, and currently belongs to the Society of Midwest Contesters.
Castillo is on the DXCC Honor Roll (CW, mixed and phone) and holds 5-Band WAZ with all 200 zones. In addition, José holds 37 of the 38 possible WAZ awards (still working on 80-meter RTTY), possibly the only

person with this distinction. He also has attained 5-Band DXCC with endorsements for 12, 17 and 30 meters, and has over 150 countries on 6 meters. In addition, he has 2959 band/entities in the DXCC Challenge.

Professionally, John is an Operational Excellence Director for Trane Technologies. He holds a BS and MBA degree in Project Management from Grantham University and spent 23 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring in 2007 as an Electronics Chief Petty Officer.

"I want to thank John for his years of service to the WAZ program," said Moseson, "and I look forward to working with José, particularly with his first-hand knowledge of the challenges entailed in earning each of the program's many variations."

"I am sincerely grateful to CQ magazine and Rich for giving me the opportunity to give back to the DX community," says N4BAA. "The CQ WAZ Award has always been my driving passion and I look forward to continuing its notoriety and success." WAZ is the second-oldest continuously operating award program in amateur radio, dating back to the 1930s. Only the IARU's Worked All Continents award is older.

Effective immediately, all correspondence relating to the CQ WAZ Award program should be directed to: José Castillo, N4BAA, 6773 South State Road 103, Straughn, IN 47387 USA; or via e-mail address to:

n4baa@cq-amateur-radio.com

CR3/CT9, MADEIRA ISLAND. Operators Jozsef/HA2EAV and Csaba/HA2KMR will be active as CT9/HA2EAV and CT9/HA2KMR, respectively, from Madeira Island (AF-014) between June 24-28th. They will also be active as CR3DX during "His Majesty The King of Spain SSB Contest" (June 25-26th).

DAY-XENIA HAMVENTION NEWS.....

* Steve Romagni, W4DTA (YV5DTA), announced on April 13th, that he will be one of the speakers at the DX Forum this year at HamVention. He mentions that he will talk about the Venezuelan IOTAs as well as Aves Island (YV0). The DX Forum is usually on Saturday.

* Tim, K3LR, reported this week: Thanks to Hamvention and Contest University, during Friday, May 20th and Saturday, May 21st, there will be a bus starting at 7 AM from the main entrance to the Hope Hotel that will take hams to the front area of Hamvention. The bus will continue back to the Hope for additional passengers (a loop) and this service will end by 5 PM each day (Friday and Saturday) with the last bus run leaving from Hamvention. The bus service will not have any other hotel stops.

EH4, SPAIN (Special Event). Members of the Radio Club Henares are now active as EH4WRD until April 24th to celebrate "World Amateur Radio Day" (April 18th). QSL via EA4RCH. Special certificates/diplomas are available for various modes. For details, see: https://www.radioclubhenares.org/eh4wrd

FO/A, AUSTRAL ISLANDS (Update). Haru, JA1XGI, will be active as FO/W1XGI from the Austral Islands between November 2-9th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8/FT4 (F/H). Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1822.5, 3525, 7010, 10115, 14040, 21040 and 28040 kHz
SSB - 3790, 7090, 14170/14280, 21260 and 28450 kHz
RTTY - 7035, 10140, 14085, 21085 and 28085 kHz
FT8 - 1842, 3567, 7051, 10131, 14090, 21090 and 28090 kHz

Equipment is an Icom IC-7300 into a 5 Band Vertical(Mini Ninjya) and a 80/160m Vertical (Special Ninjya) with 25 radials. QSL via JA1XGI direct, by the Bureau (1 year wait), ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW (uploaded daily - no charge!). For more details, see the Web page at:

https://australvacation.amebaownd.com

HB75, SWITZERLAND (Special Event). Members of the USKA Sektion Funk-amateure of St. Gallen (HB9SG) will be using the special callsign HB75SG to celebrate 75th anniversary of USKA Sektion St. Gallen between July 1st and December 31st. QSL via HB9KNY, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW (preferred).

HV, VATICAN. The Daily DX reports on Friday, "Under the coordination of IK0FVC, Francesco, HV0A and HV1CN will be QRV from Vatican City on Marconi Day, on April 23rd. HV1CN will only be QRV between 7 AM and 1 PM local time. QSL via QRZ.com."

HZ1, SAUDI ARABIA (Special WARD Event). Members of the Saudi Amateur Radio Society (SARS) are now active as HZ1WARD to celebrate "World Radio Amateur Radio Day" (April 18th), until April 18th. QSL via HZ1SAR.

IOTA NEWS. The following are IOTA operations that were active this past week between April 11-16th (as per the DXCluster):

IOTA	Callsign	Island/GROUP	Bands/Modes
AF-004	EA8CPE	CANARY	40/17/15/10m; SSB/FT8
AF-004	EA8DAO	CANARY	17m; SSB
AF-004	EA8DIG	CANARY	10m; SSB
AF-004	EC8AQQ	CANARY	10m; SSB
AF-014	CT3CK	MADEIRA	20m; FT8
AF-014	CT3IQ	MADEIRA	12m; FT8
AF-022	ZD7FT	ST HELENA	10m; SSB
AF-022	ZD7JC	ST HELENA	10m; FT8
AF-024	S79VU	INNER	15m; SSB
AS-002	A92GW	BAHRAIN	12m; SSB
AS-004	5B4VL	Cyprus	12m; SSB
AS-004	P3X	Cyprus	15m; CW
AS-006	VR2IL	HONG KONG	17m; FT8
AS-007	JA2GTW	HONSHU	40m; SSB
AS-007	JH3NGD	HONSHU	40m; SSB
AS-007	JH7MQD	HONSHU	40m; SSB
AS-007	JJ1IOJ	HONSHU	20m; FT8
AS-007	JK1BQS	HONSHU	40m; SSB
AS-007	JR3IIR	HONSHU	15m; FT8
AS-013	8Q7DX	Maldives	40/15m; CW
AS-015	9M2TO	PINANG STATE	60m;
AS-078	JA8IZP	HOKKAIDO	20m; FT8
AS-200	JJ5RBH	SHODO	17m; FT8
EU-003	CU2CO	EASTERN	20/12m; SSB
EU-005	G6UT	GREAT BRITAIN	40m; SSB
EU-005	GM6ZAK	GREAT BRITAIN	15m; FT8
EU-005	M0KCV	GREAT BRITAIN	40m; SSB
EU-005	M6ETL	GREAT BRITAIN	20m; SSB
EU-005	M7SYR	GREAT BRITAIN	40m; FT8
EU-005	MM0AGV	GREAT BRITAIN	20m; CW
EU-008	MM0PLX/P	INNER HEBRIDES	40/17m; SSB
EU-009	GM8OFQ	ORKNEY	40/15m; SSB
EU-015	SV9RKU	CRETE	17m; SSB
EU-017	ID9/IW0HK	Panarea	40/30/20m; CW/SSB
EU-018	OY1DZ	FAROE	17m; FT8
EU-021	TF2MSN	ICELAND	20m; SSB
EU-021	TF3MH	ICELAND	10m; FT8
EU-021	TF5B	ICELAND	17m; FT8
EU-023	9H1SR	MALTA	20m; SSB
EU-023	9H1TT	MALTA	20m; SSB
EU-023	9H5BZ	MALTA	20m; SSB
EU-024	IS0DCR	SARDINIA	15m; SSB
EU-024	IS0HMZ	SARDINIA	40m; SSB
EU-025	IT9DOR	Sicily	20m; SSB
EU-025	IT9IRL	Sicily	15m; SSB
EU-025	IT9VPT	Sicily	20m; SSB
EU-029	5Q2J	SJAELLAND	30m; FT8
EU-029	OZ1AA	SJAELLAND	17m; CW
EU-029	OZ1ANE	SJAELLAND	17m; FT8
EU-033	LA9PJA/P	VESTERALEN/TROMS COUNTY SOUTH	30/20/17/15m; CW/SSB
EU-036	LA/DL1CW	SOR-TRONDELAG/MORE OG ROMSDAL COUNTY NORTH	30m; CW
EU-042	DK8OL	Sylt	17m; CW
EU-046	LA6KOA	TROMS COUNTY	17m; SSB

EU-047	DB4LL/P	BORKUM	40m;
EU-067	SV8OVJ	KYKLADES	20m; CW
EU-072	SV4LGX	THESSALIA REGION	12m; FT8
EU-075	SV8GGI	Salamina	40m; CW
EU-085	RI1PA	Kolguev	80/40/30/20/15/12m; CW/SSB
EU-091	IW7DLE	Brindisi	2m; FT8
EU-096	OH1TD	LANSI-SUOMI (TURKU) PROVINCE	20m; SSB
EU-115	EI3KA/P	IRELAND	20m; CW
EU-115	EI6FR/P	IRELAND	20m; CW
EU-115	GI7SQW/P	IRELAND	20m; SSB
EU-115	MI0JZZ	IRELAND	20m; FT8
EU-115	MI6OLJ	IRELAND	20m; SSB
EU-120	M6OXO	ENGLISH COASTAL	20m; SSB
EU-127	DF6QC	Helgoland	20m; CW
EU-131	IK3PQH	VENETO REGION	40/20m; SSB
EU-171	OZ5GOL	JYLLAND NORTH	10m; FT8
EU-175	CU3CO	CENTRAL	20m; FT4
NA-015	CO8RRM	CUBA	40m; CW
NA-015	CO8WD	CUBA	40m; CW
NA-016	ZF2OO	CAYMAN	20m; SSB
NA-021	8P6ET	BARBADOS	30m; FT8
NA-022	VP2EIH	ANGUILLA	15/10m; SSB
NA-023	VP2V/N2IEN	BRITISH VIRGIN	20/17/15/12/10m; CW/SSB
NA-062	K2ZR/4	KEY WEST	17m; CW
NA-097	6Y5HN	JAMAICA	12/10m; FT8
NA-099	KP3V	PUERTO RICO	15m; SSB
NA-099	KP4JRS	PUERTO RICO	40m; CW
NA-099	KP4PUA	PUERTO RICO	10m; SSB
NA-099	NP4AW	PUERTO RICO	40m; CW
NA-099	WP3AV	PUERTO RICO	10m; SSB
NA-105	FS/KC9FFV	St Maarten	20m; SSB
NA-106	NP2AR	VIRGIN	10m; SSB
NA-108	J69Z	St Lucia	20m; SSB
OC-001	VK2GGC	Australia	20/10m; SSB
OC-001	VK2GJC	Australia	20m; SSB
OC-001	VK3IO	Australia	40m; SSB
OC-001	VK4DX	Australia	20m; SSB
OC-001	VK5MRD	Australia	20m; SSB
OC-001	VK6IR	Australia	40m; CW
OC-001	VK7RG	Australia	20m; SSB
OC-001	VK7RJ	Australia	20m; SSB
OC-005	VK9DX	NORFOLK	30/15m; CW
OC-005	VK9NT	NORFOLK	40/15m; CW
OC-006	VK7ROY	Tasmania	20m; SSB
OC-016	3D2AG	VITI LEVU AND VANUA LEVU	30m; FT8
OC-021	8D97WARD	JAVA	40/20m; SSB/FT8
OC-021	YB0IBM	JAVA	20m; SSB
OC-021	YB1RKT	JAVA	20m; SSB
OC-021	YB1TQL	JAVA	20m; SSB
OC-021	YB3VO	JAVA	10m; SSB
OC-021	YB3WA	JAVA	10m; SSB
OC-032	FK4QX	NEW CALEDONIA	10m; SSB
OC-032	FK4RD	NEW CALEDONIA	20m; SSB
OC-032	FK8HA	NEW CALEDONIA	20m; FT8
OC-032	FK8HM	NEW CALEDONIA	20/15/10m; CW/FT8
OC-034	P29LL	NEW GUINEA	20m; CW
OC-034	YB9RRB	NEW GUINEA	10m; FT8
OC-036	ZL2JBR	NORTH	20m; SSB
OC-042	DU4RER	LUZON	15m; SSB
OC-046	FO5QB	WINDWARD	12m; FT8
OC-088	9M6TMT	Borneo	20m; SSB
OC-088	V85A	Borneo	20m; SSB
OC-097	5W1SA	SAMOA	15m; FT8
OC-129	VA7CD/DU7	VISAYAN	17m; FT8
OC-144	YE4FPE	BANGKA AND BELITUNG	20m; FT8
OC-148	YG9PBV	TIMOR	15m; FT8
OC-148	YE9PBZ	TIMOR	15m; SSB

OC-150	YC9KA	Lombok	12m; FT8
OC-201	ZL1LC	NORTH ISLAND'S COASTAL	20m; FT8
OC-209	YB8UTI	Karakelong	12m; FT8
SA-004	HD8MD	Galapagos	30/15m; CW/FT8
SA-006	PJ4/PD2V	BONAIRE	10m; FT8
SA-006	PJ4EVA	BONAIRE	12m; FT8
SA-006	PJ4RF	BONAIRE	10m; FT8
SA-011	9Z4Y	TRINIDAD	12m; CW
SA-018	CE7TS	LOS LAGOS REGION SOUTH	10m; SSB
SA-018	CE7VP	LOS LAGOS REGION SOUTH	10m; SSB
SA-028	ZY2WCX	Bella	80/15/10m; SSB/FT8
SA-046	PY7PX	PERNAMBUCO STATE	15m; FT8

** Thanks to the individuals who put the island/group and mode (which is very important) on their QSNs on their PacketCluster reports. The format we suggest is "Mode/IOTA#/Island or Group" (ex. CW/SA-036/Aruba).

AS-079. Take, JI3DST, will once again be active from Miyako Island between 0700z, April 20th and 0000z, May 9th. Activity will be on 80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10/6/2 meters using CW, SSB, FM, RTTY and FT8. Operations may vary in case of heavy rains or other conditions. Look for him to use the following callsigns during the following dates:

April 20-30th (QRT 1459z) -- Main callsign is JS6RRR from a fix QTH (not JS6RRR/P OR /6). Sub callsigns: JI3DST/6 and JJ5RBH/6.
(JI3DST/6, JI3DST/P, JJ5RBH/6, JJ5RBH/P for FT8)
(JJ5RBH/6 [Main for JA, Sub for DX], JJ5RBH/P for FT8)

April 30th, 1500z-May 9th 0000z -- Main callsign is JJ5RBH/6 or JJ5RBH/P. Sub callsigns: JI3DST/6 and JS6RRR.
(JI3DST/6,JI3DST/P for FT8)

QSL routes are as follows:

JI3DST/6: PLEASE check QRZ.com for details.
By ClubLog's OQRS: JI3DST/6_202204
ClubLog and LoTW Matching JI3DST/6 and JI3DST/P
By the Bureau: Not need to request by OQRS.

JS6RRR: PLEASE check QRZ.com for details.
By ClubLog's OQRS: JS6RRR_202204
ClubLog and LoTW Matching JS6RRR
By the Bureau: Not need to request by OQRS.

JJ5RBH/6: PLEASE check QRZ.com for details.
By ClubLog's OQRS: JJ5RBH/6_202204
ClubLog and LoTW Matching JJ5RBH/6 and JJ5RBH/P
By the Bureau: Not need to request by OQRS.

EU-085. By the time you read this, operators Mike/RW3FS and Mike/UA1QV should be active as RI1PA from Kolguev Island until April 21st. QSL via UA1QV. ADDED NOTE: Vlad, RZ1OA may join the team.

EU-114. Bob, GU4YOX, will be active as MU5E from Guernsey during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Single-Op/CW-Mode entry. QSL via LoTW or GU4YOX, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-122. Ian, G3WVG, will be active as MN5A from Rathlin Island, Northern Ireland, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Single-Op/Mixed-Mode/DXpedition entry. QSL via LoTW.

EU-129. Operators Norbert/DL2RNS, Rainer/DL2RVL, Heiko/DL1RTL, Georg/DL4SVA, Ron/DG2RON and Olaf/DL7JOM will be active as DK1A from Usedom Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as Multi-2 entry. QSL via DK1A, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS.

NA-079. (Reminder) Gene, N0MHJ, will be active as N0MHJ/4 from Garden Key, Dry Tortugas Islands (WW Loc. EL84, ARLHS USA-316, Loggerhead Key 216, POTA K-0023, ARRL NP 17), 70 miles west of Key

West, FL, between April 22-25th. Activity will be mainly on 6m using CW and SSB. Gene states that most of his operations will be during the daytime only. He also plans to be on 20 meters and 40 meters (contacts with the "locals"). QSL via LoTW, but he will not upload the logs until he returns to his home in SW FL. For more details and updates, watch: https://www.n0mhj.net

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

J2, DJIBOUTI (Update). Currently, operators Matt/KN9U and Paul/N7JDI are active as J20MR and J28JD, respectively, from Djibouti. Both operators will be active on 40-10 meters. Here is what we know about the operators:

J20MR - The length of his stay is unknown. He states that he is "bouncing around" in Djibouti, and has a "Shack-in-a-box" with an ICOM IC-718 (100 watts) into a Wolf River coil (80-10m). Activity currently has been on 17/15/12/10 meters FT8 with some SSB operations. He reports on QRZ.com the following suggested operating times: 0330-0500z, 0830-0930z and 1400-1800z. Suggested frequencies are also listed. QSL via EA5GL. Logs will be uploaded into LoTW.

J28JD - Is there until November 30th, and stationed at Camp Lemmonier. Equipment is an IC-7300 into an End-Fed wire (40-10m) antenna. Activity currently has been on 10 meters SSB and some 40 meters Contestia 4-250 operations. QSL via EA5GL. Logs will be uploaded into LoTW.

J2, DJIBOUTI. After two years of forced stop, the members of the Mediterraneo DX Club (MDXC) will be soon be on air again with a new challenge. A very skilled international team of operators will be active as J28MD near the town of Obok (WW Loc. LK11PX) in Djibouti between October 29th and November 7th. Operators mentioned are Antonio/IZ8CCW (Team Leader), Marco/IZ2GNQ, Marco/IZ3GNG, Fabio/IK4QJF, Martino/IU8LMC, Dario/IZ4UEZ, Gerhard/DJ5IW, Peter/DL6LZM, Emil/DL8JJ, Uwe/DL8OBF, Steve/AG4W, Adrian/KO8SCA, Max/NG7M and Gabi/YO8WW. Activity will be on 160-10 meters with a special focus on low bands and the WARC bands, using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1828, 3519, 7010, 10109, 14019, 18069, 21019, 24891 and 28019 kHz
SSB - 3795, 7125, 14215, 18140, 21295, 24945 and 28485 kHz
RTTY - 3595, 7049, 10140, 14080, 18103, 21080, 24910 and 28080 kHz
FT8 - 1840, 3567, 7056, 10131, 14090, 18095, 21091, 24911 and 28091 kHz

They will listen for U.S. Generals on 14280 kHz and UP.
They will listen for JA stations on 160m DOWN 5-6 kHz.
The FT8 frequency for JA stations on 160m is 1908 kHz
There is a bands/modes survey available at:
http://mdxc.org/j28md/djibouti-dx-bands-modes-survey

QSL Manager is IK2VUC for direct, Bureau and OQRS. The complete LoTW log will be uploaded after 5/6 months. They will upload LoTW contacts during the expedition for all 10 USDs contributors. For more details, see their Web page at: http://mdxc.org/j28md

JW, SVALBARD (Update). A team of 17 operators, made up of fifteen Belgians, one Puerto Rican (new operator) and one German, will be active as JW0X and JW100QO from Svalbard between April 19-26th. Operators mentioned are Erik/ON4ANN (team leader), Max/ON5UR/A52UR (team leader), Jelmer/DJ5MO, Willy/ON2BDJ, Mike/ON2MVH, Carlo/ON4BR, Cedric/ON4CKM, Patrick/ON4DCU, André/ON4DTO, Erik/ON4EC, Marc/ON4MA, Pascal/ON5RA, Marc/ON6CC, Franky/ON7RU, Marc/ON8AK, Francis/ON8AZ and Otis/NP4G. QSL Manager is Tim, M0URX. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8/FT4 (F/H), with 5 stations from 3 locations in Longyearbyen. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1826.5, 3525, 5353, 7025, 10105, 14025, 18069, 21025, 24891 and 28025
SSB - 3790, 5360, 7185, 14285, 18130, 21285, 24955 and 28485
RTTY - 7045, 10142, 14085, 18105, 21080, 24911 and 28080
FT8/FT4 - 1836, 3567, 5357, 7056, 10131, 14090, 18095, 21091, 24910 and 28091
6m - 50105/CW, 50150/SSB and 50323/FT8/FT4

The team also plans to be the first Svalbard "QO-100 satellite DX-pedition" ever between April 22-24th. Suggested frequencies are:

JW100QO -- SSB - 10489.650 MHz
JW100QO -- Digital SSTV - 10489.625 MHz
JW0X -- SSB - 10489.900 MHz

QSL via M0URX's OQRS (For direct or LoTW processed within 48 hours), LoTW (Full log uploaded 6 months after DXpedition), and Bureau QSLs via OQRS only (FREE). For more details, see:

https://www.dx-adventure.com/en/svalbard-dx-pedition
FaceBook: https://www.facebook.com/dxadventureteam
Twitter : https://twitter.com/on4ann

JW, SVALBARD. Otis, NP4G, will stay after the JW0X/JW100QO DXpedition, April 25-27th, and operate as JW/NP4G from the Longyearbyen club station (JW5E) on Spitsbergen Island (EU-026). Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands. QSL via NP3O direct or LoTW.

JW, SVALBARD. Members of the Oesterdalgruppen of NRRL (LA4D) will be active as JW4D from the Longyearbyen club station (JW5E) on Spitsbergen Island (EU-026) between May 3-8th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Operators mentioned are Kim/LA1KUA, Knut/LA9DSA, Leif/LA2VTA, Henrik/LA6ETA, Gudleik/LA6FTA, Haakon/LB3LI, Arne-Kristoffer/LB1WJ and KjetilLB5MG. QSL via LA4D.

NCDXF NEWS (Two Press Releases).....

* Dated April 11th [edited]. The 2022 Annual Board Meeting of the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) took place this Monday evening, April 11th, 2022, in lieu of our International DX Convention in person meeting.

  Officers were elected:
  Kevin Rowett, K6TD, - President
  Craig Thompson, K9CT, - Vice President
  Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, - Secretary
  Don Greenbaum, N1DG, - Treasurer

  Our current board members are:
  Tom Berson, ND2T Rich Seifert, KE1B
  Lee Finkel, KY7M Ned Stearns, AA7A
  Ross Forbes, K6GFJ George Wallner, AA7JV
  John Miller, K6MM

  The board thanked Ned, AA7A, for his service as Vice President.

  The mission of NCDXF is to provide necessary financial support for well-organized DXpeditions to desirable DXCC entities and to support advances in DXpeditioning skills, technology, and infrastructure. Those funds come from the contributions of our supporters in the DX community. Your contribution will help make DX happen. Visit our web site: http://www.ncdxf.org

  In addition:
  * NCDXF provides scholarships to Contest University for those 25 years of age and under
  * Partners with IARU to operate the NCDXF Beacon System worldwide
  * Supports the WRTC, World Radio Team Championship

  We thank you for your continued support.
  Best regards,
  Craig Thompson, K9CT
  Vice President

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* Dated April 13th [edited] -- In April 2021, NCDXF announced the creation of an award - "The DXcellence Award". To be awarded to the outstanding DXpedition of the last twelve month, which received funding form NCDXF. The award is intended to recognize excellent in a DX-pedition, exemplified by practices, ethics, management, transparency, impact upon the DXing community, and lastly exhibited FUN!

The winner of the award is determined by the NCDXF Board of Directors. The board considers several factors, including performance, complexity of the DXpedition, impact on ClubLog most wanted ranking. Especially important are activities associated with humanitarian and education.

On celebration of our 50th year of operation, NCDXF is proud to award our first NCDXF DXcellence Award to the S9OK Sao Tome DXpedition. Their team did a terrific job and after contact with Zorro, JH1AJT, planned a visit to the local schools. Useful gifts were given to the children for the classrooms and the children's response was joy and happiness.

The NCDXF looks forward to other DXpeditions this year that will qualify for the next award in 2023. We are hopeful that many DX-peditions will be funded by NCDXF and qualify for this award. Con-gratulations to S90K on the first award!

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Respectfully submitted,
Craig Thompson, K9CT
NCDXF Vice President

OPDX MAILING LIST (Just A Reminder). Details on how to subscribe and unsubscribe from the "OPDX Mailing List" are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW
PLEASE NOTE: OUTLOOK users PLEASE read below.

P4, ARUBA. John, W2GD, will once again be active as P44W (not P40L/P49Y this time) between May 24-31st. Activity will be (when time permits) on the various HF bands, with some focus on the 30/17/12 meters and 160 meters mostly on CW (before and after the contest). His activity will also include an entry in the upcoming CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW or N2MM. No bureau cards.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (April 18-24th).....

Apr/18th AN	Apr/21st HN	Apr/23rd HN
Apr/19th HN	Apr/22nd AN	Apr/24th HN
Apr/20th HN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

(Updated 01/26/2022) Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

* VOACAP predication Web page at: http://www.voacap.com/hf and http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
* DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: https://dx.qsl.net/propagation
* SolarHam Web page: http://www.solarham.net
* Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at: http://sunspotwatch.com
* Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC) & National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): https://www.swpc.noaa.gov https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/products/solar-cycle-progression
* News and Information About The Sun-Earth Environment: https://www.spaceweather.com

* Archive of ARRL Propagation Forecasts:
  http://www.arrl.org/w1aw-bulletins-archive-propagation
* Information and tutorials on propagation are at: http://k9la.us
* Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation
* W4HM Daily HF/MF Radio Wave Propagation Forecast:
  https://groups.io/g/w4hmradiowavepropagationforecast
* WM7D's Solar Resource Page: https://www.wm7d.net/hamradio/solar

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu) (April 14th)
QSL-INFO from various sources provided by OPDX

3B9FR via M0OXO	DL73AFUG via DM4EAX & (L/P)	OA7/DD5ZZ via DD5ZZ
3G22V via XQ7UP	DU1/NF0O via K8CW	OE25MFCA via OE6XMF
3W3B via E21EIC	EG1SSV via EA1URV	OH/DL2VFR via DL2VFR
3Z80AK via SP1PBW	EL2EF via N2OO & (L)	OZ50DDX via OZ1ACB
4J6D via DC9RI	EY8ZE via W0VTT	P29LL via EA7FTR
4K5D via DC9RI	FK/F5NHJ via F5NHJ	PJ2CF via EA5GL
4L/SP9DLM via SP9DLM	FM/DF8AN via DF8AN	PJ4/PD2V via PD2V
4X6TT via N4GNR (d/L)	FS/KC9FFV via IZ1MHY (L)	PJ4DX via M0URX
5R8AL via G3SWH (d/L)	GI7SQW/P via G7SQW	PJ4KY via M0URX
5X4E via IZ3ZLG	H32AT via HP2AT	PJ4MM via M0URX
5Z4PA via M0URX	HF80AK via SP9CJM	PJ4RF via EA5GL
5Z4VJ via M0URX	HP2DFA via EC6DX	R1994YU via RQ7L
6D3A via XE2KJ	HP3SS via AC2OV	R2014NC via RQ7L
8Q7DX via E73Y	HV0A via IK0FVC	S50WARD via (B)
9J2MYT via EA5GL	HZ1CY via A61BK	S79VU via N4GNR
9N7MK via S57MK	HZ1WARD via HZ1SAR (d)	SO200IL via SP8KBZ
A91WARD via EC6DX	II5LDV via IK5ZUB	VK9NT via M0OXO
C91AHV via CT7AHV	IS0/DF8DX via DF8DX	VP2V/N2IEN via EB7DX
DB50AFZ via DL2VFR	IY1TIT via IK1HLG	YB0ECT via W2FB
DF0BT via DL7UE (B/L)	LA/DL1CW via DL1CW & (L)	ZF2CH via VO1IDX
DK90TJU via DL3HXS (O)	LA9PJA/P via (d/e/L)	ZZ1M via PY1SAD
DL0GMA/P via DJ3AX (B)	LT100KC via LU4KC	ZZ4WTT via PP7AA
DL20SOTA/P via DL6GCA	OA4GL via EA7HBC	

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LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....
https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/3D2USU (Updated)
https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/HP1PAR (Updated)
https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/JW0X
https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/RI1PB

NEW QSL ROUTE FOR EY8ZE. Nodir, EY8MM, informs OPDX that the only club station in Tajikistan now has a QSL Manager Mike, W0VTT. This includes the recent activity by W9XY who used a club callsign on April 11th.

NEW QSL ROUTE. Pedro, EA5GL, reports that he is now the QSL Manager for Mario, 9J2MYT, from Lusaka, Zambia.

NEW QSL ROUTE. Pedro, EA5GL, reports: A new log to continue my project of recovering logs of past activities. Now it's the turn of XF1P activation, Partida Island in Nov, 2013. Now you can get the QSL via EA5GL.

U.S. POSTAL STAMPS TO INCREASE IN JULY. According to the U.S. Postal Service, a first-class mail Forever stamp will cost 60 cents, a 2-cent increase from its current price of 58 cents. Other mailing services will also cost more, including:

Letters (metered 1 ounce) will cost 57 cents, up from 53 cents.
Letters additional ounce(s) will cost 24 cents, up from 20 cents.
Domestic postcards will cost 44 cents, up from 40 cents.
International letters will cost 1.40 USDs, up from 1.30 USDs.

For more details, see:
https://about.usps.com/newsroom/national-releases/2022/0406-usps-new-prices-for-2022.htm

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4A90AGS, 4A90COA, 4A90MIC, 4A90NLE, 4A90PUE, 4A90TLX, 4A90YUC, 4S7KKG, 4U1ITU, 4Z5CX, 5B4AGN, 6K2KUS, A61ZX, AH6HY, BA6KC, BD5XX, BD9BI/0, BG1QJE, BH4BNQ, BV7CW, BX6ABC, D4Z, DS4DBF, E22HBS, E73AA, EA9ABC, EL2BG, EY8MM, FK8CE, FK8HM, HL5IVL, HS5NMF, J20MR, JA0FVU, JA3DAZ, JA3HLX, JA6SQR, JA7DFD, JA7FLI, JE3PCP, JR3VXR, JT1CO, JX/LB4MI, KL7RRC (NA-039), MP7DX, RA9H, RA0LX, S9OK (AF-023), TA2AFA, TR8CA, UA0SDX, UK8AEA, UN7LDM, V31MA, VA3IKE, VA7DX, VE3MZD, VK1OO, VK3TX, VP8ADR, VU2IBI, WA0OII (OC-026), WH6S, XI0X and XT2MAX

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3DA0RU, 8R1AK/P (SA-068), FT4YM/p, VK0/FT4YM/p and YC1BIQ/6 (OC-245)

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 5W0KJ, 7Q7BP, C92ZO, D44TT, E51MQT, FO/JI1WTF, FT4JA, HF15NATO, HQ8S, HZ1FI, JD1BMH, K1N, PJ6/G3TXF, S79SP, T2GC, T6MO, TX5Z, V73D, VK9AN, VK9NT, XR2T, Z81X, ZD8RH, ZL7X and ZL9HR
--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) send in their info....

TM1/TM2/TM15, FRANCE (SOTA Special Event). To celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Summits On The Air (SOTA) program in France, look for the callsign "TM15SOTA" to be activated as of April 15th. A series of three awards will be put into play. For the "chasers" it will be necessary to have contacted "15", "30" or "40 and +" different summits with the callsigns TM15SOTA or TM1SOTA and TM2SOTA over the period extending from April 15th to December 31st, 2022. Activators will receive an award for their participation. Planned activity dates are as follows:
- TM15SOTA on April 15-18th, and 23-24th, as well as May 7-8th, 14-15th, 21-22nd and 27-29th
- TM1SOTA period June and July
- TM2SOTA period August and September
- TM15SOTA period October, November and December

QSL via eQSL only. NO paper QSL.

TM97, FRANCE (Special Event). Members of the REF (Réseau des Émetteurs Français) will activate the special event callsign TM97WARD between April 16-25th, to celebrate "World Amateur Radio Day" (April 18th). QSL via the Bureau. For more details, see: http://www.r-e-f.org

TX5N AUSTRAL ISLANDS DXPEDITION NEWS (Update). By the time you read this, and after a flight delay on Friday, the TX5N team members should be on the air from Raivavae, Austral Islands, until April 28th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, (including 60m), using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 (F/H). Suggested frequencies are:
CW - 1826.5, 3523, 7010, 10105, 14023, 18069, 21023, 24891 and 28023 kHz
SSB - 3790, 7090, 14185, 18130, 21285, 24955 and 28485 kHz
RTTY - 7045, 10142, 14080, 18105, 21080, 24910 and 28080 kHz
FT8 - 1836, 3567, 5357, 7056, 10131, 14090, 18095, 21091, 24911 and 28091 kHz
QSL Manager is Tim, M0URX. PLEASE read complete details (must read) about QSLing at: https://tx5n.net/qsl-manager

UPDATE DATE APRIL 16TH: After several airline delays and spending a long day at the airport in Papeete, the team arrived on Raivavae on April 15th, at 6PM (local). We were met at the airport by our host and after about a 15 minute drive arrived at the guest house. We were taken to the equipment storage area and so far it all looks to be in good condition. Internet service on the island is not the best, but we did bring along an Inmarsat satellite terminal (BGAN). Our plan for today is to begin setting up after breakfast and get on the air as soon as possible.
73, Team TX5N

V4, ST. KITTS AND NEVIS. Dick, K2KA, will be active as V4/K2KA from the V47JA rental station at Calypso Bay on St. Kitts (NA-104) between May 8-18th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands and modes. QSL via K2KA, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog or LoTW.

VE, CANADA (Special WARD EVENT). To celebrate "World Amateur Radio Day" on April 18th, look for the following Canadian special event stations to be active on the air that day: VA2RAC, VA3RAC, VE1RAC, VE4RAC, VE5RAC, VE6RAC, VE7RAC, VE8RAC, VE9RAC, VO1RAC, VO2RAC, VY0RAC, VY1RAC and VY2RAC. QSL via the VE Bureau or LoTW. An award will be available for contacts, see: https://www.rac.ca/certificates

VG/VX/XK/XJ, CANADA (Special Event). To celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne, her Platinum Jubilee, the Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) has authorized Canadian amateurs to use the following special prefixes between May 15th and July 14th: VE stations can use the VX prefix, VA --> VG, VO -->XJ and VY -->XK.

VU4, ANDAMAN ISLANDS. Operators Yuris/YL2GM/VU3FZC, Deepak/VU2CDP and Manoj/VU2CPL will be active as VU4W from the Andaman Islands (AS-001) between May 3-16th. Equipment and antennas include 2x K3S radios, Sun SDR2, SPE Expert 1.3K, Juma, Spiderbeam, RA6LBS vertical, Vertical for 6 bands and 6m Delta antenna. The Web page will open on May 1st at: https://www.lral.lv/vu4w

YO22, ROMANIA (Special WARD EVENT). Members of the Federatia Romana de Radioamatorism (FRR) will be active as YO2WARD from Bucuresti, Romania, to celebrate "World Amateur Radio Day" (April 18th) until April 25th. A special diploma is available. See QRZ.com for details. QSL only in electronic format from LoTW or eQSL.

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